

Sept. 10, 1947.

Dr. C.J. Van Slyke,
Chief, Division of Research
Grants and Fellowships,
National Institute of Health
Bethesda, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Van Slyke:

I have in hand your letter of the 5th, informing me of the award of a N.I.H. Jr. Research Fellowship, for 1947-1948. I am quite sensible of the honor thereof, and for that reason regret that I must resign this award due to a change in plans and conditions, namely that I have accepted an appointment at the University of Wisconsin, Dept. of Genetics. The University is providing excellent facilities for the prosecution of research in the genetics of microorganisms, and I hope there to continue the program of research which was outlined in my Fellowship application.

The appointment is for the academic year of nine months only, and the staff is encouraged to seek employment or other support for research for the remaining quarter-year, either at the University or elsewhere. As a matter of information, I should like to enquire whether it is the policy of the Fellowship Boards to appoint fellows under these conditions, and if so, when it would be most appropriate to apply for aid for the quarter June 15 - Sept. 15, 1948?

Thank you for your effort and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.